

## SMOKE EVICTS A TENANT.

Curious Procedure Seen on a Farm in Kent, England.

London.—Goose farm, Broad Oak, Canterbury, was the scene of some curious eviction proceedings.

A county court bailiff went to the farm to persuade the tenant, A. W. Minter, to quit, in accordance with the terms of a notice which had been served upon him. The tenant replied by barricading his doors. Thereupon the bailiff had the windows boarded up on the outside and the chimneys stopped.

Finding that the occupants of the farmhouse showed no sign of capitulation, the bailiff decided upon more forcible measures.

By means of a drain tester, a concoction of tar twine and cayenne pepper, he sought to smoke them out. From 11 o'clock until three evil smelling fumes were steadily pumped into the building.

Then the barricades were suddenly removed from the front door, and the farmer, accompanied by his mother and a little terrier, appeared on the threshold. They were cheered by a huge crowd of villagers and visitors from Canterbury.

The bailiff and the occupants of the farm shook hands with great heartiness, and the crowd cheered again as the new tenant stepped across the threshold of the hardly-won citadel.

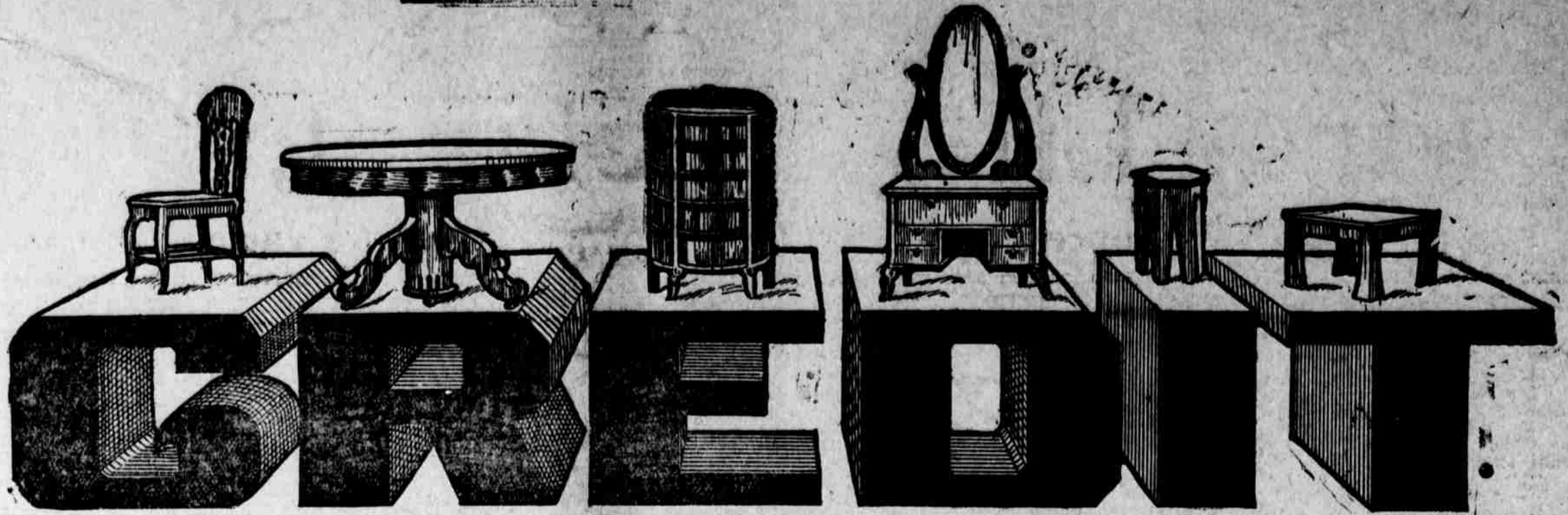
## Snapdragon Seed Pods.

The antirrhinum, or snapdragon, is one of the old-fashioned garden flowers known to every one. Although it is a visitor from southern Europe it has been here so long that it has become naturalized.

When we say "lion's mouth," "frog's mouth," "calf's mouth," "rabbit's mouth," we mean snapdragon, all these names being suggested by its grotesque, masklike corolla. But there is something still more grotesque if we will wait till the seed time and gather the dried, brown skeleton of the seed pod. Look at them sideways, under a bright lamplight if possible, and you will find they have quite a resemblance to a rhinoceros.

Remove the calyx and the little horns on the nose, and look at them from the front, and they have a still more striking resemblance to human skulls, and by turning them about you get all sorts of queer expressions on the grinning mouth.—St. Nicholas Magazine.

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## STATISTICAL FAM

MARK TWAIN'S FAMOUS TOM SAWYER FENCE WOULD BE 6 FEET HIGH AND 500 MILES LONG.

### HE GETS BUSY ABOUT CLOTHES PINS

IF ALL THE LITTLE CLOTHES PINS WERE, MADE INTO ONE BIG PIN, THE BIG PIN, WOULD BE MORE THAN THREE TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

Reckons In Figures Clothes Pins In Use In U. S. Would String Line of Family Washing From Earth To Moon

"**T**ALKING about clothes pins," said Statistical Sam, when the members of the kitchen cabinet inadvertently gave him a chance—"Clothes pins would be funny little things for a man to make figures about, if it wasn't for facts.

"The figures are interesting to a mathematician, possibly, more than to any one else; but the facts are not only interesting, but truly astonishing, to the willing observer.

"The average price of clothes pins in the United States is ten for a cent. Five-cents-worth, a moderate estimate of the clothes pin holdings of an American family of five, becomes an interesting common divisor when applied to the aggregate number of pins in the United States.

"Allowing, then, five-cents-worth of pins to each U. S. family, and we find a total of 750,000,000. If Rockefeller is really worth \$1,000,000,000, imagine then how many clothes pins his wealth could buy at the price of ten for a cent. I say, imagine, because you would probably get pretty tired of figuring along the Rockefeller unit what I have figured out along the five-cents-worth unit.

"Five-cents-worth of clothes pins bunched together flat cover one square foot of surface. All the pins in the United States so placed would cover a board walk as wide as that at Atlantic City, N. J., and more than fifty miles long.

"Put together end to end the clothes pins of the United States would reach over 50,000 miles, or twice around the earth. Placed as

closely as possible side by side in regular upright position, they would fill a clothes-line reaching from New York City to San Francisco and back to New York, and would serve to string a line of family washing from the earth to the moon.

"Stacked in cordwood form, they would make a wood pile ten miles in length.

"Supposing Mark Twain's famous Tom Sawyer fence contained an equal amount of wood, Tom's companions would have had to wield the whitewash brush over an area six feet high and five hundred miles long; while the proportionate 'sore toe' to be exhibited as pay would have been more than 100,000 times its original dimensions. At least, that's the way I figure it. And if any of you men doubt my figures I will respectfully refer you to my forecast on the last fall election.

"If all the little clothes pins in the United States were made into one big pin, the big pin would be over 350 feet in diameter and more than three times the height of the Washington Monument. So you can imagine how big the washerwoman would have to be to hold three such pins in her mouth at once. She would be a little over four inches high. Were she the Mother Goose Maid, hanging on the clothes, it would take a blackbird with a mile spread of wings to peck off her nose. Although I will qualify my last statement by saying that the ordinary-sized blackbird couldn't peck off anybody's nose; but, in order to make the statistical comparison justly, it may be truthfully said that the stretch of a blackbird's wings is at least one-sixth of the ordinary woman's height and three or more times the width of her mouth."

Mark Twain's Famous Tom Sawyer Fence Made of Clothes Pins Would be 6 Feet High and 500 Miles Long

A LINE OF FAMILY WASHING FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON.

THE PROPORTIONATE 'SORE TOE'



(STATISTICAL SAM WITH NEW INFORMATION NEXT WEEK.)